

CHS News – 10 Years Strong

The 4th quarter of the year has arrived and we hope that parents and students take a few minutes to really focus on individual goals left to accomplish before the end of the year. Now is not the time to stop working; it is most important to finish the year on a high note and feel the satisfaction of achieving something important.

Lets take a moment to look back on March and see what we accomplished: our **Robotics Team** competed for the first time, the **Academic Team** became **County Champions**, and we have a new **Century Idol**, and our school hosted a one of a kind **STEM Fair!** Our drama production of **Chitty Chitty Bang Bang** was a huge hit with sellout crowds and standing ovations, and we learned that we will administer over **500 Advanced Placement exams** to students in May!!

As we head into the last quarter, we welcome a new class of National Honor Society students; we'll have students compete in the "Spotlight on Youth" county competition, and all juniors will participate in Mock Interviews. We will host a reception (April 21) to recognize the tremendous contributions of our many volunteers: please remember to call school to RSVP if you haven't already. The impact volunteers have on our school is so positive it is hard to put into words. There are numerous ways that parents and community business partners help our school provide opportunities for students; we want to take a moment to say "thank you"!

As May approaches, we will continue to emphasize our Middle States Self Study process with you: please don't get worn down by our surveys! We need your help and input about how CHS is doing; what are we doing well and where can we improve. At our next PTSO Meeting (April 19), we will discuss long range planning for technology and analyze the school budget. This will be a chance for all parents to give us ideas and input into how monies and plans address needs that we have. Please continue to respond to the weekly surveys that we send out ~ we had almost 200 parents respond to the first survey. The link for our second survey is: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PP3W5J8>. We appreciate your help and support throughout this process.

Lastly, we met with seniors this week to review expectations and end of year events leading up to graduation. We know this is an exciting time. Please take a few minutes to review our senior graduation packet which is available on our website: <http://www.carrollk12.org/chs/>. This contains an outline of all dates for important practices and events. The packet also includes forms that you may need to make special requests to ensure that this graduation meets the needs of everyone you wish to invite to attend.

Please let us know if you have any questions or want something explained in more detail. We are proud of our students and can't wait to see their hard work pay off this May and June!

Drew Cockley
Principal

Calendar of Events

April is AHC Academy Month – look for announcements about activities!

- April 14: Reports cards distributed to students**
- April 15: Mock Interviews – ALL Juniors!**
- April 16: Spotlight on Youth (Manchester Valley HS)**
- April 19: PTSO Monthly Meeting – 7pm (Media Center)**
- April 20: Spring Chorus Concert – 7pm**
- April 20: Envirothon Day!**
- April 21: Volunteer Reception**
- April 22: Schools Closed – Good Friday**
- April 25: Schools Closed – Easter Monday**
- April 27: Spring Orchestra Concert – 7pm**
- April 29: AP Night – 4 to 8:30pm**

May 2nd to May 13th... AP EXAMS! – below is a link to the testing calendar!

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/cal/cal2.html>

- May 13: Senior Class Breakfast**
- May 14: Junior / Senior Prom (Sheraton, Columbia, MD)**
- May 16: English HSA**
- May 17: Biology HSA**
- May 18: Algebra HSA**
- May 19: Government HSA**
- May 20: Senior Presentation Day**
- May 20: Senior Show – 7pm**
- May 23: Renaissance Festival!**
- May 24 to 27: Senior Final Exams.**
- May 27: Last day of classes for seniors.**

FLEX PERIOD REVIEW

Beginning April 18, a new twist will be added to the Flex Period to see if we can make improvements: students will report to their advisory location prior to seeking a teacher for help. We want to emphasize the importance of using this time wisely. Students are not showing the gains (academically) that we'd like to see; therefore, we are looking more closely at how students use Flex time. In doing so, we will be able to get better data about what students are using Flex for and whether it is helping individual kids. (Our Middle States surveys ask you about this, so please respond to the following: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PP3W5J8>.)

We hope that this review helps students see the importance of our Flex Period and how they need to use it if we are going to keep it. If you ever want to stop in and shadow an administrator during the Flex Period, please let us know. We'd be glad to host your visit!

SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH

Congratulations to the following students for placing in the 2011 Spotlight on Youth Juried Art competition. Ian Saslow, 3rd place mixed media category. Serena Deshpande, 2nd place drawing category, and Karen Saffran, 1st place 2-D Design/photography. These students will be honored Saturday, April 16th at Manchester Valley High School from 9-1p.m. as part of the Spotlight on Youth celebration. The art exhibition also features the following CHS art students: Lizelle Foose, Becky Foose, Rob Singleton, Peyton Morris, Kandace Bellofatto, Kristy Lennon, and Katherine Goodfellow.

In addition to the art show, our Academic Team and Chess Team will compete. Good luck Knights!

ART News!

The Art Department of Century High School is pleased to announce that the Decorative Arts Auction held on Saturday March 26, 2011 was a huge success. With the help of the Century Art Boosters and National Art Honor Society students, we were able to bring in more than \$650.00. All proceeds go directly the National Art Honor Society Fund which allows us to give out several art scholarships to seniors, as well as help pay for art related instructional tools and fieldtrips. The Boosters donated 3 gift cards to Michael's Art Store for People's Choice; Most Amount brought in for a single item and Most Brought in for multiple items. Brittney Barr was our biggest winner taking two of the three prizes and Sharon Kessler took our 3rd prize for having contributed multiple pieces. This year not only did we have hand painted specialty frames but, students explored other avenues by painting and decorating furniture, bird houses, wind chimes, tray tables, and mirrors. We are excited for next year's auction. If you have any questions regarding the Auction or how to become an advocate for your student artist please contact Mr. Jeff Sharp or Mrs. Nicole Diem at Century High School.

VOLUNTEERS – Thank you!

Century High School will be honoring all of the volunteers for the 2010-2011 school year by hosting a continental breakfast on Thursday April 21st in the Media Center from 7:00 am to 9:30 am. Please stop by before you start your day so Century may thank you for all you do!! If you have volunteered this past year and did not receive an invitation please contact Nancy Heasley at ntheasl@carrollk12.org to RSVP.

Some people want it to happen. Some wish it to happen. Others **make** it happen.

Century High School

Graphic Novel Fair

Wednesday April 13th

Sponsored by: Beyond Comics

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Class of 2013 Updates!

If you haven't sent out your donation letters for our donation fund-raiser, PLEASE do so!!! The letters are at the end of this document.

We have restaurant nights in the future, so come on out to eat, and support 2013 students!

Mark your calendar!

4/18 Five Guys/Lexi's

4/20 Cobblestones

5/4 Rita's

5/16 Qdoba

6/6 Panera

6/16 Rita's

Class of 2013 is going to help out at the Sykesville Middle School Bingo to be held on Friday April 29, 2011. They are going to sell food and baked goods, and keep the profits, so 2013 students are asking for baked goods donations. Please include the recipe with ingredients, and bring baked goods in by Friday April 29 to Ms. Barnold's room B233. We make lots of money when we make have our bake sales because of our donations from parents, so please email Ms. Barnold anbarno@carrollk12.org with your donation!

Thanks for all of your support!

Dear Class of 2013 Member,

As our next fundraiser, we are asking you to send out donation forms. This is going to be VERY simple, and there is incentive, so read on! It's a 4 step program, and very easy!!

Step 1: Make 10 copies of the donation letter below. Sign your name at the bottom of each letter.

Step 2: Find 10 people to send a copy of the letter. Grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, family friends, etc. Address each letter at the top with the individual name, and then stick the letter in an envelope. Also in the envelope, put a blank envelope with CHS address on the front in the "to" spot, attn Ms. Barnold/Mrs. Brewer, and place a stamp on this envelope. Address the sending envelope with the person's name in the "to" spot, and the CHS return address: 355 Ronsdale Rd, Sykesville, MD 21784. YOU DO NOT NEED TO USE A STAMP on this envelope.

Step 3: Bring the addressed envelopes to Ms. Barnold (B233) or Mrs. Brewer (B226) once the letters are finished. We will send them out for you!!

This is an easy fundraiser because YOU DON'T HAVE TO SELL ANYTHING, or pick anything up, or deliver anything. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS ADDRESS A FEW LETTERS!!!

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Brewer [a brewer@carrollk12.org](mailto:brewer@carrollk12.org), or Ms. Barnold, anbarno@carrollk12.org.

PTSO NEWS

Happy Spring! Many things have been happening in the PTSO and our hope is that all parents of Century Knights will become more involved and join us at our next meeting which is on **April 19th at 7 pm** in the Media Center. Our program will feature Andrea Rapp of First Financial Credit Union who will be speaking about “**Financing College**”. This topic is very relevant to all of us with children who plan to attend college. So even if you have underclassmen, plan to attend. It is never too soon to be informed! Also, at this meeting, Mr. Cockley will talk to us about Century’s Self Study Year process. This will include what our school improvement efforts are and how we are approaching areas for growth.

Other PTSO Updates:

- We will be hosting our annual *Teacher Appreciation Luncheon* on **May 6th**. If you volunteered to supply food, please look for an email regarding our needs. This year we are also asking that if you would prefer not to donate food, that a monetary donation to go toward the food would be great too! Also, we are hoping to be able provide some fun raffles for the teachers, so contributions of gift cards or prizes would be appreciated, as well. Please contact Colleen Rought at colleensrose@comcast.net regarding the luncheon.
- We had a milkshake naming contest at school and now we have our own CHS milkshake called the **Dark “Knight”** which is being sold at the new Lexie’s yogurt store (by Five Guys) in Eldersburg. Ten percent of the sales of this shake are contributed to our PTSO! Please try it!
- The **PTSO Scholarship** applications are available to seniors of PTSO members and can be obtained in the Guidance office.
- *Street Smarts*, the official driving school of the PTSO is taking registrations for the remaining spring and summer classes. Be sure to register your student for this highly recommended course by going to www.streetSMARTSmd.com.
- The PTSO sponsored a *free practice SAT practice exam*, given by Huntington Learning Center, on March 14th. We had about 40 students who took this test. Results were given to parents and information about Huntington’s Review courses was presented. If you are interested in your student taking a practice SAT or ACT test, contact Huntington in Eldersburg. It will no longer be free, but they did mention that the ACT would be available at a reduced fee.
- The PTSO is also sponsoring a class by **Kaplan**. They are offering a test prep class at Century for \$499 beginning on Saturday 4/16 and running until 6/1. This is a value if you have compared the costs of test prep courses. Call 1-800-KAP-TEST for more information or to enroll. It will prepare your student for the June 4th SAT.

As always, thank you for your parental support. We have a huge responsibility in the success of our children and their education. Go Knights!

Trish Capparelli
President



Drama Booster News

The Century Drama Club Opening Knights and the Drama Boosters would like to thank you for supporting our Spring Production “Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.” The students, directors and parents worked very hard to make our show great! Thank you everyone!

The next Drama Booster meetings will be Wednesday, April 13 and Wednesday, May 4. Anyone interested in supporting our Century Drama Club is encouraged to attend. We had so many talented volunteers at our shows and we would LOVE to have you come and share your creativity at our meetings! Meetings are at 7pm in the media center. For more information, please contact Boosters Secretary Kendra Roberts at Kendra.Roberts@verizon.net.

Century Drama Club and Chitty Chitty Bang Bang cast members will be attending Dramafest on Wednesday, April 27 at Life Point Church. The cast will have the opportunity to share parts of the show with other drama clubs throughout the county.
